

CHILD NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION DIVISION MANAGEMENT BULLETIN

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TO: All Public School Districts with Sites Eligible for
School Breakfast Program Start-Up Grants
County Superintendents of Schools

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ATTENTION: Food Service Directors

FROM: School Nutrition Programs

SUBJECT: California State School Breakfast Program Start-Up Grants

CALIFORNIA STATE SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM START-UP GRANT APPLICATIONS CONTINUOUSLY ACCEPTED

The California Department of Education (CDE), Child Nutrition and Food Distribution Division (CNFDD), once again has funds available to assist schools in implementing the School Breakfast Program (SBP). The Budget Act of 1998 authorized CDE to award grants of up to \$10,000.00 to eligible public school sites for one-time expenses involved in initiating the SBP. ***PLEASE NOTE: The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193), which eliminated the federal SBP start-up and expansion grants, did not affect the availability of these state grants.***

School districts and county offices of education may apply on behalf of eligible schools meeting the following criteria stated in Education Code Section 49550.3:

- 30 percent or more of the school's students are approved for free or reduced price meals;
- The school does not currently operate a SBP; and
- The school agrees to operate the program for three years.

Schools receiving grants are expected to expend grant funds and implement the SBP no later than June 30, 2000.

Start-up funds may be used **ONLY** for NONRECURRING COSTS in two categories: (1) Equipment; and (2) Outreach and/or Implementation. Funds may be used for such items as equipment, minor alterations to accommodate new equipment, training of staff in new skills related to the SBP, and publications or other items to promote participation in the SBP. Funds may NOT be used for staff salaries and benefits, food, or any other recurring costs, or for such nonrecurring costs as computers, capital outlay, or meals as a marketing technique. Items must be justified as essential to the SBP and, if appropriate, prorated according to their use for breakfast (e.g., if a \$750 microwave oven is to be used equally for lunch and breakfast, then only 50 percent, or \$375, may be paid for with grant funds; the applying agency must assume the remainder of that item's cost).

By helping to ensure that students arrive in class well-nourished and ready to learn, the SBP can add greatly to a school's academic success. If you have schools that meet the above criteria, please consider taking

advantage of these Start-Up Grants by filling out and returning the attached grant application. If you have any questions about the grant program, please contact Jim Lane, Program Analyst, School Nutrition Programs Unit, at (916) 323-2479, or call toll free (800) 952-5609.

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